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**Public Comment Period Begins
Phillips 66 Company Gets Preliminary OK for Title V Permit**

The Bay Area Air Quality Management District (Air District) has made a preliminary decision to grant a Title V permit to the Phillips 66 Company for its oil refinery (formerly known as Unocal, and Tosco), located at 1380 San Pablo Avenue in Rodeo. The Phillips 66 refinery processes crude oil into refined petroleum products that include gasoline and fuel oils.

The 60-day public comment period will end on August 30, 2002. During this time, any member of the public may comment on any aspect of the proposed permits. Copies of the proposed permits can be found:

- 1) On the Air District web site at www.baaqmd.gov (follow the Title V links),
- 2) Rodeo Public Library, 220 Pacific Avenue in Rodeo and
- 3) At the Air District, 939 Ellis Street, San Francisco. For an appointment call May Leung at (415) 749-4729.
- 4) For a hard copy of the permits, call the Public Information Office at (415) 749-4900 or write to: BAAQMD, Attn: Title V Permit Request, 939 Ellis Street, San Francisco, CA 94109.

The Air District will hold a public hearing on the proposed Title V permit for the Phillips 66 refinery on Wednesday, July 31, 2002, at the Rodeo Senior Center, 586 Parker Avenue in Rodeo, from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.

What is Title V?

Title V is part of the federal Clean Air Act and requires all state and local governments to develop and implement operating permits for all major pollution emitting facilities. The EPA oversees these permit programs and the Air District is charged with implementing them in the Bay Area, in accordance with Federal guidelines.

Title V is intended to clarify the complex air quality permitting process by consolidating the multitude of federal, state, and local air pollution control regulations into one summary operating permit that covers all aspects of a facility's year-to-year air pollution activities. The Title V operating permit program is implemented under Air District Regulation 2, Rule 6. Public comment is important to the Title V process. A final decision will incorporate consideration of public comments on the proposals.

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